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Child care provider accused of sex abuse

Separate families accuse man, 66, of assault on girls

KRISTA SYLVESTER krista.sylvester@metronews.ca

A 66-vear-old man faces disturbing allegations of sexual assault against two young girls in his care at a northwest day

The man was taken into custody yesterday from the private child care facility in the 6400 block of Silver Ridge Drive NW after complaints of inappropriate touching involving two young girls from the day before.

Staff Sgt. Leah Barber of the child abuse team told Metro the complaints were filed from two separate families of two girls "older than two but younger than 13."

"The calls came in at different times and we sent investigators out as soon as possible and determined they were se-



Police don't believe there are other victims at this time but they are alerting families who used the day home about the charges.

ous," she said, adding she isn't sure if the families know one another.

It isn't known how long the man operated out of a residence there are

oth-

er providers at the home who are not suspects.

"I think the incredible thing is Alberta Child and Youth Services has offered to help the other families who use the home find another provider," she said.

Watkins was David charged with two counts of sexual assault and two counts of sexual interference of a child under 16 years old. He was released on condition he stays away from children under



Salsa fest spices up weekend

SUN Add a little salsa to vour sun this weekend as the 15th annual Sun and Salsa Festival heats up Kensington this Sunday.

With more than 40 different salsas sparring for spiciest salsa bragging rights, the family-friendly event is an annual hit.
"It's a lot of fun and al-

though a lot of people come down to check it out," Kensington Business Revitalization head Annie MacInnis told Metro.

Last year the sun and salsa event raised \$36,000 for charity by selling chips and water for \$3 each.

The event runs on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 10th Ave and Kensington Road. METRO CALGARY

Police hunt for burglar

TIED-UP Police are seeking a man who confronted a 27year-old woman at her Marlbor-

ough home knife and tied the woman up.

thief took a TV, Gallagher computer

and camera equipment and the fled in the victim's car, later found near Memorial Drive and 36 St. NE. Police are seeking John Gordon Gallagher, 28, in connection with crime. Anyone with information can call police at 403-266-1234. METRO CALGARY



Stamps defensive lineman Eddie Freeman shuts the door on the Ti-Cats Terry Caulley at the goal line during yesterday's CFL action at McMahon Stadium. The Stampeders drubbed the visiting Tabbies 43-16. **Story, page 14.**

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The day-use area between Banff and Yoho national parks has been shut down to users after a woman was attacked by a bear while jogging Wednesday evening. Wardens have set three traps in order to capture the bear. METRO CALGARY

Local

Police search for suspect

Calgary Police are seeking the public's help in finding a man, presumed armed and dangerous, wanted for attempted murder earlier this month. Michael Case Bissonette, also known as GM or Gangsta Mike, is 21. The Caucasian is 5'9", 160 lbs, with blue eyes and naturally brown hair that may have been dyed black. Anyone with information should call police at 403-266-1234.

New bins set to keep city **Clean to Core**

KRISTA SYLVESTER

Fewer newspapers will be blowing around downtown after a pilot project launched yesterday to help keep the city Clean to the Core

The city-initiated project along the 7 Ave. LRT platforms is an effort to reduce garbage in the downtown, according to Ald. Druh Farrell.

"It just makes sense, especially after the new litter bylaws. If we're going to enforce litter fines then we need to provide Calgarians with somewhere to dispose of garbage and recycling," she told Metro.

There will be 40 news-

paper-specific recycling bins placed along the 7 Ave. LRT corridor provid-ing transit riders a way to responsibly reduce newspaper litter.

City roads Peter Enslen said recycling boxes go hand-in-hand with news-

"There are newspaper boxes around and we are controlling those, too, but this helps gives Calgarians a place to put the newspapers after they read them.'

Metro Alberta publisher Steve Shrout, who has worked with the city to help reduce newspaper litter on city streets, applauds the new initiative.

"We give the city our full support and this is a step in the right direction. We encourage all of our readers to recycle properly and responsibly," he

Transit rider Glen Tenaka thinks the plan will help clean up the downtown streets.

"I think it's good. It would be nice to see the platforms a bit cleaner and hopefully people use



David Mawdsley of the City of Calgary roads division tosses newspaper into the new recycle bins set up along the 7 Ave. LRT corridor to handle the overflow of newspapers read by C-

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Homicide rate alarms police as crime falls

KRISTA SYLVESTER

While the crime rate in the city has decreased, city cops are disturbed with Calgary's distinction of having the fourth highest homicide rate in the country.

Statistics Canada released a report yesterday indicating the national crime rate dropped in 2007 for the third straight year and in Calgary, crime dropped 8.4 per cent, but acting police chief Murray Stooke is alarmed at the city's homicide rate.

"We're happy the crime rate as a whole is decreasing— it's good news, but the homicide rate is clearly a concern," he said.

3.1 homicides per 100,000 people, Calgary is behind only Saskatoon and

body count

At already 18 murders this year to date, Calgary is on par to reach another high body count by the end of the year.

Winnipeg, tied at 3.6 each, and our northern neighbour Edmonton at 3.3.

There is no question gang violence plays a role in the amount of homicides, but we can't forget that domestic violence plays a big role, too," Stooke said.

Ward 8 Ald. John Mar said while the homicide rate is alarming, the majority of Calgarians are still living in a safe city.

"It's concerning, but Calgarians aren't dropping dead on the street. For the most part they are safe. If you're a drug dealer on the street you're probably putting yourself at risk," he said

Cannonball champ to defend dunk title

ALICIA FOX for Metro Calgary

Calgary's own cannonball champion is hitting summer with a big splash.

Brian Utley, 55, has had to put up with intense pain and bruises that line the backs of his legs, but the 380-pound kid-in-the-man iust loves to hit the water.

On Tuesday, Utley will take a few test-drops off the five-metre platform Calgary's regional championships before the Trident Splash National Cannonball Championship in Toronto come August when he hopes to retain



philosophies helps him centre his body, but says his training methods actually include the stationary bike and weightlifting since it really is difficult to repeatedly

throw himself into the "You really just have to clear your head,

"That's

where the

All 380-plus pounds of Calgarian Brian Utley will be put to the test in his defence of the national cannonball title in Toronto next month. PHOTO: ALICIA FOX FOR METRO CALGARY

philosophy comes in. Ignore the pain," adding that a yearold severe knee injury contributes to the difficul-

ty. Cannonballs are judged on style, presentation, and splash worth the most marks

Utley is considering retirement after this year's endeavours, but hopes he'll be invited back as a iudge.

nab alleged pool groper

Vigilant mom helps cops

KRISTA SYLVESTER

City cops are applauding the quick thinking of a mother in catching a man who allegedly grabbed her daughter at a pool.

A 12-year-old girl was standing with her mom at Bob Bahan pool at 4812 14 Ave. SE when a man grabbed her buttocks. buttocks. The mother chased the man, detailing his licence plate and description before he sped away.

Police were able to catch him thanks to the mother's quick reaction, according to Duty Insp. Greg Johnson.

"It's better to be a good witness than another victim and the mother acted very quickly and ultimately helped us catch the suspect. It was a very brazen attack," he told Metro.

Daniel Christian Brown, 32, is charged with sexual assault and dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.





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Calgary Police are investigating two break-ins in the community of Ramsay between July 12 and 16. In both cases, suspects forced a secured door open and stole items while the residents were not home. Anyone with information is asked to call police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. METRO CALGARY



Ald. Joe Ceci wants to point the public in the right direction if they see a full garbage bin in the downtown core — Dial 3-1-1.

Full garbage bins? Dial 3-1-1

With one simple phone call to 3-1-1, Calgarians can play garbage man without getting their hands dirty.

Thanks to a new initiative to keep Calgary Clean to the Core, the city is placing 100 3-1-1 stickers on garbage bins along the 7th Ave. LRT C-train line in an effort to encourage people to call the number when a bin is full.

Ald. Joe Ceci said the plan allows Calgarians to

play an active role in keeping the city clean.

"Anytime anybody can see that a garbage bin is overflowing, all they have to do is call the number and the city will come and empty it," he told reporters.

Ceci believes the pilot project will be popular because he has many people from his ward calling in reporting overflowing garbage already.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Baker takes flight for cause

Olympic hopeful to run Crescent Heights stairs tomorrow

ALICIA FOX for Metro Calgary

Olympic-hopeful Hugh Baker has just voluntarily doubled his workload.

Aside from training, raising funds to cover \$19,000 in expenses while he will be gone overseas to compete, working, and planning for his wedding this April, Baker will commit half of all the money he raises tomorrow to the Leukemia and Lymphoma's Light up the Night.

He will be running up the Crescent Heights stairs—all 165—a total of 55 times split between the other nine brave friends and family members tomorrow at 10 a.m.—and Baker hopes dozens of others will come out in support of his team of climbers.

Baker is raising money to help pave the way to the Olympic bobsleigh event in 2010 and to draw awareness to the cause.

"A very good friend of

"I love stairs. I know it sounds crazy, but in the offseason when others are training with yoga ... I'm running stairs."

Hugh Baker

mine passed away a few years ago from lymphoma," he said, adding that as a blessed athlete he wants to give back.

"I love stairs," Baker said.
"I know it sounds crazy, but in the off-season when others are training with yoga ... I'm running stairs."

It brings him back to his high school years, when his dreams of making it to the Olympics started, and when he trained for football and rugby on that staircase.

Every fundraiser Baker does will be split with the charity, including one he's organizing for September. Find out more at www.hughbaker.net.



The Crescent Heights stairs will be a tall task tomorrow for Hugh Baker and his team of runners raising money for Leukemia and Lymphoma and Baker's burgeoning bobsleigh career.



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Researchers make fertility breakthrough

Montreal researchers have discovered the gene that controls ovulation, opening the door to potential new contraceptives and infertility treatments. "It's another target for contraception clearly," said Dr. Bruce Murphy, a co-author of the paper, which appears this week in the journal Genes and Development. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada



McCartney to separatists: Let it be

Former Beatle Paul McCartney, preparing for a massive concert in Quebec City on Sunday, finds himself in the eye of a storm as Quebec nationalists are in full froth over what they term a British cultural invasion. In an interview with Radio-Canada yesterday, McCartney played down complaints that his visit compounds the "Canadianization" of Quebec City's 400th anniversary. "I think it's time to, you know, smoke the pipe of peace and just put away the hatchets," the rocker said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canadian draws controversy

Mixed response to artist's New Yorker cover

BRIAN TOWIE Metro Canada

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Public outcries, condemnations by politicians, heated dialogue on 24-hour news channels — it's a perfect day's handiwork for a Canadian editorial cartoonist.

That's the response to the illustration on the cover of the July 21st edition of the New Yorker by Connecticut-based Canadian ex-pat Barry Blitt that depicts U.S. presumptive presidential nominee Barack Obama and his wife Michelle as Islamic extremist terrorists fist bumping in the Oval Office. Behind them on the wall sits a portrait of Osama bin Laden as the American flag burns in the fireplace under it.

While the magazine calls the cartoon — which has galvanized opinions and sparked worldwide debate — satire, others including spokespersons for

"It seemed to me that depicting the concept would show it as the fear-mongering ridiculousness that it is."
Barry Blitt, artist

both Obama's and U.S. Senator John McCain's presidential campaigns deride it as "tasteless and offensive"

Blitt, who refused interviews Wednesday, released an earlier statement to the Huffington Post saying: "I think the idea that the Obamas are branded as unpatriotic (let alone as terrorists) in certain sectors is preposterous. It seemed to me that depicting the concept would show it as the fear-mongering ridiculousness that it is."

Blitt is no stranger to controversy. In 2004, he was named in a lawsuit exmedia baron Conrad Black filed against Toronto Life for depicting the ex-media baron jubilantly arriving in hell.

But the contentious discussion the cover has generated is just indicative of a job well done, says Toronto Star editorial cartoonist Patrick Corrigan, who lauds the New Yorker cover

er.
"It's an excellent cartoon. It's hard-hitting and it does everything it's supposed to do," says Corrigan. "But in this case, the target was the right-wing media like FoxNews that have described Obama in this way. That isn't made clear here. The audience the New Yorker is speaking to, the swanky Manhattan crowd, they'll get it. But a casual reader who isn't interested in politics will take this literally."



This New Yorker cover by artist Barry Blitt, shows Barack Obama dressed as a Muslim and his wife Michelle as a terrorist.

B.C. doctors punished for misconduct

MISCONDUCT Nine B.C. physicians were disciplined for sexual misconduct involving patients in 2007, according to the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons annual report.

In one case, a Maple Ridge physician was fined and suspended for 18 months after he asked his patient out on a date while giving her a vaginal exam.

In all, 28 allegations of sexual misconducts were made, but only one doctor was barred from practising. Other disciplined doctors were suspended, fined or agreed to stop practising if they had not already been out of practise when the complaint review was completed.

Caryn Duncan of the Vancouver Women's Health Collective, told CBC News Online the number of sexual misconduct cases is probably higher.

Some women are hesitant to file complaints against doctors because they fear they won't be taken seriously, she said.

JOYCE YIP/FOR METRO CANADA

Premiers reach agreement on labour transfer

POLITICS Canadian workers will have greater freedom to take their skills to different provinces under a long-delayed pact reached by the premiers.

Under the agreement, the credentials of workers in virtually all fields should be recognized in every province and territory by April 1, thanks to co-operation with scores of professional associations.

Even as Ontario continues to shed manufacturing jobs due to soaring energy



Canada's premiers, including Alberta's Ed Stelmach, attend a meeting yesterday in Quebec City.

costs and the U.S. economic slowdown, Premier Dalton McGuinty touted the accord reached yesterday as a boon for his province.

"The more we can do to-

gether as Canadians to ensure that our country is more competitive the better," said McGuinty, insisting he wasn't concerned about a further drain of skilled workers to booming Western Canada. He said Ontario has 100,000 jobs it can't fill, many of which require skilled nearly

quire skilled people.

"Given the price of housing in Alberta and the price of housing in Ontario, I think we've become very competitive all of sudden."

In future, there will be a

presumption of automatic recognition of accreditation from other provinces, unless there are complicating local factors, like language, or public safety concerns.

Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach says the accord will help his booming province attract more skilled workers and tackle a "critical shortage of people." Stelmach said Alberta expects to create 400,000 new jobs over the next decade and urged newcomers to go West. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

TASER The RCMP dismissed a report yesterday that it may have compromised investigations into the death of Robert Dziekanski during a stun gun incident at Vancouver's airport in October. The head of the RCMP privately contacted the four officers involved, a move that critics said may have conflicted with a promise to co-operate with investigations into the death, CBC News reported.

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B.C. Hydro crews have finally restored power to the roughly 2,200 customers who lost power following Monday's underground circuit fire in downtown Vancouver, but while business leaders estimate losses run in the tens of millions of dollars, B.C. Hydro says there will be no compensation for any losses. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Cash, coke and 'flop' testimony

RACHEL BOOMER Metro Canada



It's never a good idea to fly with \$32,000 cash in your suitcase.

It's an even worse idea if there are traces of cocaine on the handle.

And if you're claiming to be carrying massive amounts of cash because you're heading to a big B.C. poker tournament, you might want to make sure there's actually a major tournament going on.

These were the gaping holes in Kevin Patrick Hobbs' story, and they got the Halifax man convicted on charges of possessing proceeds-of-crime cash and trying to transport it.

In a written decision yesterday. Nova Scotia Supreme Court Justice Felix Cacchione described Hobbs' testimony as "a flop."
"On the whole, Hobbs'

Not adding up

Justice Cacchione pointed out Hobbs was paying \$2,000 a month rent, leased a \$1,000 a month Cadillac and paid \$1,300 in cash for a dog — all without a visible source of income except his claim that he was a poker player.

evidence was not truthful or convincing. It is not believed or accepted," Cacchione wrote.

Police stopped Hobbs as he embarked on a less than 24-hour trip to Vancouver April 8, 2005, a trip he'd booked the day before. They found no drugs in the bag, but traces of cocaine on the handle and Hobbs' clothing, along with the plastic bags the cash was packed in.

When they raided his home, police found a marijuana grow operation, but Hobbs claimed he no longer lived there.

Toronto Bollywood's Unforgettable tour



Two of Bollywood's biggest stars, former Miss World Aishwarya Rai, right, and her husband Abhishek Bachchan, speak to the media to promote the Unforgettable world tour yesterday in Toronto. The three-hour singing and dancing extravaganza is to be performed in 11 cities across North America, Europe and the Caribbean between now and August 29 with a cast of 150.

News in brief

MAD COW The Supreme Court of Canada won't stand in the way of a proposed multibilliondollar class-action lawsuit on behalf of some 100,000 cattle farmers hurt by the 2003 mad cow scare. The high court declined vesterday to hear an appeal by the federal government and Winnipeg-based feed company Ridley Canada, who sought to derail the lawsuit. The court gave no reasons for turning down the application.

KHADR Lawvers for Omar Khadr are heading to Guantanamo Bay next week to meet with the Toronto-born detainee and to let him know he's likely going to trial. A U.S. District Court in Washington

vesterday rejected a request by a Yemeni detainee for a lastminute injunction that could have once again derailed the Bush administration's war crimes trials at Guantanamo.

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Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's lawyers cross-examined a U.S. businessman yesterday whose damaging portrait of a politician with his hand out for cash stands at the centre of a corruption case. Olmert has said he will step down in indicted. REUTERS



"When it came up we took

sub drug bust

marine smuggling drugs in the Pacific Ocean, their military said. The green-colored submarine, carrying what was believed to be cocaine. was about 32 feet long.

Gitmo trial set to begin French air hostess

U.S. judge rejects request to delay war crimes tribunals

The first Guantanamo Bay war crimes trial, of Osama bin Laden's former driver, can start next week, a federal judge ruled yesterday, refusing to intervene in the military process backed by President Bush and Congress.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson rejected a request from attorneys for Salim Hamdan, who drove for the al Qaeda leader in Afghanistan, to stop his tri-

war trials

The Guantanamo trials are the first U.S. war crimes tribunals since World War Two. They were set up to try non-American captives whom the Bush administration considers "enemy combatants" not entitled to the legal protections granted to soldiers and civilians.

al while he challenges the military tribunal system.

Robertson heard more than two hours of arguments from Hamdan's lawyers and the Justice Department over whether the trial should be delayed. It is due to start on July 21. Hamdan, a Yemeni, would be the first prisoner tried in the U.S. war crimes court at the Guantanamo naval base in Cuba. There are about 265 detainees at

base's prison camp, which

was set up in January 2002 to hold terrorism suspects captured after the Sept. 11 attacks by al Qaeda in 2001

Most have been held for years without being charged and many have complained of abuse.

Hamdan's attorneys said a landmark Supreme Court ruling last month made clear the detainees are entitled to fundamental constitutional rights.

REUTERS

to be space tourist

COMPETITION French air hostess Mathilde Epron will become one of Europe's pioneer space tourists after winning the trip in a candy bar contest.

Epron was chosen after-she found a chocolate wrapper in the garbage that had the winning number in the competition to fly to the upper reaches of the Earth's atmosphere.

A spokeswoman for Nestle in France confirmed that Epron had won the prize. She will take a flight on a four-seater, fightersized aircraft built by Rocketplane, a company that



Mathide Epron will become one of Europe's first space tourists after she won a candy bar competition

builds aircraft intended to provide cheap flights into

Funerals held for two slain Israeli troops

PRISONER SWAP Thousands attended Israeli funerals yesterday for two slain soldiers returned in a prisoner swap with Hezbollah and their grief contrasted with Lebanon's joy over guerrillas freed in the deal.

Defence Minister Ehud Barak told the soldiers and civilians gathered at the graveside of Ehud Goldwasser, 31, that Israel was "heartbroken" and had "paid a heavy price" to bring home the bodies by freeing five guerrillas involved in deadly attacks.

He vowed at a funeral held in the northern Israeli town of Nahariya that Israel would make every effort to retrieve other captive soldiers, including Gilad Shalit, who was abducted by militants in a 2006 cross-border raid. REUTERS

Madrid bombing Four men cleared of charges



Media reporters surround Abdelilah Fadual El Akil, one of the four men cleared for crimes related to the 2004 Madrid train bombings, as he leaves the prison of Albolote in the southern Spanish province of Granada, yesterday. A Spanish court yesterday cleared four of the 21 people charged for crimes related to the 2004 Madrid train bombings, which killed 191 people.

Iran sanctions expanded

FINANCE The U.S. Senate Banking Committee overwhelmingly approved a bill yesterday that would expand trade and economic sanctions in another attempt to prod Iran to step back from suspected nuclear weapons production and alleged support for terrorist activities.

By a vote of 19-2, the committee sent to the full Senate legislation that would try to clamp down on countries suspected of helping transport sensitive technologies and goods to Iran in violation of existing U.S. rules.

The measure also encourages U.S. pension plan managers and state and local governments to divest, directly or indirectly, from Iran's energy sector.

Patterned after a new U.S. law aimed at Sudan, the legislation allows state and local governments to divest from any company that invests \$20 million or more in Iranian energy or extends \$20 million or more in credit to be used for investing there. REUTERS

News in brief

RUSSIAN TRIAL The Russian prosecutor-general's office said yesterday it would put two Uzbeks on trial for trying to export to Iran a rare metal that can be used to build weapons of mass destruction.

DARFUR CRISIS Senegal's president said vesterday U.S. President George W. Bush told African leaders the U.S. might send troops to Sudan's Darfur if they did not act to halt what he saw as genocide there. REUTERS

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A controversial auction of soul singer James Brown's personal belongings fell short of expectations yesterday, with more than 300 lots on offer taking in just over \$850,000 at Christie's. The estate had been valued at as much as \$2 million.

Al Gore challenges U.S. to go green

Al Gore, the Nobel Prizewinning crusader on climate change, challenged the United States Thursday to commit to producing all U.S. electricity from renewable sources like solar and wind power in 10 years.

"Our dangerous over-re-

liance on carbon-based fuels is at the core of all three of these challenges - the economic, environmental and national security crises," the former Democratic vice president and presidential candidate in 2000 told a meeting in Washington.

"So today I challenge our

nation to commit to producing 100 percent of our electricity from renewable energy and truly clean carbon-free sources within 10 years," he said.

Gore also took aim at the Bush administration's policies on climate change, without mentioning the president by name. Advocates of tougher measures to combat global warming caused by carbon emissions have long said President Bush has done too little about climate change.

Bush has opposed economy-wide limits on the emission of climate-warming carbon dioxide.

'Imperial Presidency' to be examined by U.S. House Impeachmerous credible al-

ment is out for President Bush, but a top U.S. lawmaker said yesterday he wants to take a look at his "imperial presidency."

House Iudiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers announced his panel would examine possible administration wrongdo-ing, which has included complaints that Bush misled the United States into the Iraq war in 2003.

Over the last seven plus years, there have been nu-



George W. Bush tion," said

Conyers, a Michigan Democrat.

He scheduled a July 25 hearing on "the Imperial Presidency of George W. Bush and possible legal responses.'

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News in brief

NOMINATIONS Haiti's lower house of Parliament vesterday ratified President Rene Preval's third choice for prime minister, bringing the impoverished country a step closer to replacing a government dismissed three months ago over violent food protests. The two previous nominations for prime minister were rejected by lawmakers, hampering Preval's efforts to bring democracy after decades of turmoil.

MOON MOVIE A spacecraft sent on a mission to inspect comets has filmed the Earth and its moon from 31 million miles away, making an alien'seve view of our world. The two brief sequences show the Moon passing in front of the Earth as it orbits.

Argentina Rejects tax increase on soy exports



Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner greets children outside the Presidential Palace in Buenos Aires, yesterday. Fernandez suffered a stunning defeat yesterday when the Senate rejected a tax increase on soy exports that sparked months of anti-government protests.

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Apple in no rush to bring iPhone to Russia, China

Unauthorized sales of unlocked iPhones in Russia and China are flourishing, but Apple Inc. seems in no hurry to make deals with operators to sell the nifty device in these huge markets officially. A million "cracked" iPhones may be in use in China. REUTERS

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News in brief

HBC CHIEF Hudson's Bay Co. named Jeffrey Sherman as its new chief executive yesterday. He joins HBC from Polo Ralph Lauren, where he was president and chief operating officer of the Polo retail group.
Sherman was also CEO of The
Limited stores.

Gas slow to reflect oil

It will likely be the middle of next week before gasoline retail prices begin reflecting an 11-per-cent drop in oil prices seen over the past three days, experts say.

The decline represents in dollars the biggest three-day fall since oil futures began trading 25 years ago.

But opinions are divided over whether the drop is merely temporary relief—reflecting falling North American demand and concerns over inflation—or the beginning of a long-term slide that could see a barrel of crude costing less than \$80 US within a year.

"A price of almost \$150 a barrel is unsustainable and "A price of almost \$150 a barrel is unsustainable and the \$200 target ... will soon prove a mirage."

Clément Gignac

the \$200 target advanced by some folks will soon prove a mirage," wrote National Bank Financial economist Clément Gignac.

But analysts from Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs, and CIBC World Markets, hold the view that the global supply-demand outlook will drive oil to \$200 a barrel over the next few years.

Sony to sell movies, TV shows for PS3

GAMES Sony's new PS3 console is going Hollywood.

Sony, which unveiled a new video service for its PlayStation 3 console at the E3 video game industry trade show in Los Angeles, says it will rent out and sell movies and television programs online for the PS3.

The service will take a few months to reach Canada due to last-minute details to be ironed out with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, said Matt Levitan, marketing and public relations representative for PlayStation Canada. But he says it will be well worth the wait. "The PS3 is really hitting its stride," he said. "Doubling the amount of hard drive space on the console is certainly an asset."

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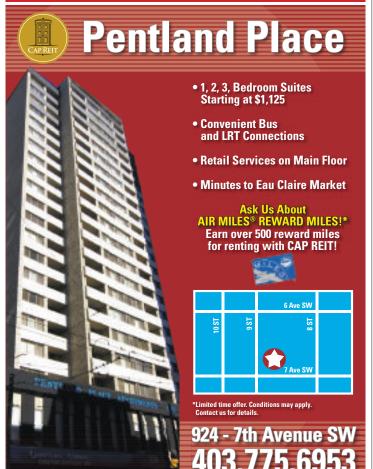




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Former United States striker Brian McBride was one of three over-age players on the list for the under-23 event. REUTERS

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Chinese authorities are tightening security in the lead-up to the 2008 Summer Olympics, which kick off on Aug. 8 in Beijing.

Beijing in lockdown mode

Pre-Games security crackdown continues as foreigners exit in droves

Is the Olympic party over even before it begins?

With every passing day, Beijing is slowly going into lockdown.

Foreigners are being scrutinized more than ever before, random security checks have begun on the city's subways and visa restrictions continue to tighten. Whether Beijing's Olympics can be the open, welcoming, joyous celebration for which the Games have come to be known is questionable.

But one thing is certain: Canada's Derek Hildenbrand won't be here.

The 29-year-old Web marketing specialist from Banff, Alta., has called Beijing home for 4 1/2 years.

But on Canada Day, he left for Eastern Europe — a casualty of the Chinese government's visa regulations being more strictly en-

forced as the countdown to the Games quickens.

Like countless thousands of foreigners, Hildenbrand was in Beijing on an easily renewable F-visa. Now the government has terminated F-visas — and he'll have to reapply from abroad.

"It's a major hassle," Hildenbrand said.

"And trying to find answers from the government is impossible. No one seems to know what's going on."

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It's all part of the evertightening stranglehold of
security that has gripped
the city since the beginning
of the new year.

With more than 100 heads of state coming to the Games, and the eyes of the world looking on, Chinese authorities have become—perhaps understandably—obsessed with security and are trying to examine and re-examine the status of every foreigner in Beijing.

National image counts,

Authorities have been shutting down selected bars, magazines, dissidents and websites — anyone and anything they feel might adversely effect China's reputation.

"They want this to be an absolutely perfect presentation," says Gilbert Kerckhove, a Beijing-based consultant. "They don't want to leave anything to chance."

For young Westerners who in recent years have flooded into Beijing — bringing their party spirit with them — it could be the end of an era, or at the very least, a long hiatus.

"There have been a lot of clampdowns," says Hildenbrand, "and it just doesn't seem to be as much fun."

Legitimately or otherwise, foreigners have been a

In the words of the China

"They want this to be an absolutely perfect presentation. They don't want to leave anything to chance."

Gilbert Kerckhove

Law Blog, an award-winning Chinese website: "China's law enforcement against foreigners is constantly getting stricter and the pace has only accelerated in the last few months."

The visa restrictions pushing many Westerners out today are only the most recent escalation of evertightening security.

But China's security concerns are real, Kerckhove says, adding: "They're scared to death, especially about the possibility of an airborne attack."

Just yesterday, officials

announced Beijing will restrict aircraft landing and taking off during the opening ceremony on Aug. 8 due to security concerns.

And last month, Chinese security officials revealed batteries of surface-to-air missiles have been placed within 800 metres of the Bird's Nest stadium, the architectural centrepiece of the Games that will host the opening and closing ceremonies.

But the visa clampdown will come with adverse consequences for legitimate businesses.

"Business is drying up," Kerckhove says, noting that delays in getting visas have meant business trips to China and meetings have had to be rescheduled and even cancelled. He predicts that for the next two months, "industry and trade is going to grind to a halt."

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Chambers ruling expected today

ATHLETICS Sprinter Dwain Chambers will have to wait until today to find out if his High Court challenge to an Olympic ban imposed by the British Olympic Association has been successful.

A decision had been expected yesterday. REUTERS

Yao returns after five months

BASKETBALL Yao Ming gave China's Olympic basketball hopes a boost when he returned to action for the first time after five months on the sidelines in China's 96-72 victory over Serbia in a warm-up tournament yesterday.

IAAF rejects Pistorius' claim

ATHLETICS The International Association of Athletics Federations rejected an accusation from double amputee Oscar Pistorius yesterday that it was desperate to stop him competing at the Beijing Olympics.

Pistorius, who successfully appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport against an IAAF ban, failed in his bid to run in the 400 metres but still hopes to be a member of South Africa's 4x400 relay squad.

Sports in brief

SOCCER China has taken the daily running of its soccer team away from Ratomir Dujkovic for health reasons, state media reported yesterday. REUTERS

BEIJING An official admitted yesterday he had no idea when exactly three crucial new subway lines would open. REUTERS

SOCCER Abby Wambach suffered a broken leg during the United States' 1-0 victory over Brazil on Wednesday and will miss the Games. REUTERS

Monday's lineup

MONEY TALKS Canadian Sport Centre's Casey Peirce says the image of the poor athlete is a myth, but swimmer Adam Sioui disagrees. "If my parents weren't there to give me support," he says, "I don't think I would have made it to this level." Read Monday's Metro for more.

days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

10 things you should know if you're going to Beijing



An Olympic volunteer greets foreign tourists as they arrive at the new International airport in Beijing.

The Beijing Olympics promise to be the most security-conscious ever. China has even released a list of dos and don'ts for visitors:

1. If a foreigner stays in the home of a Chinese resident, she must report to the local police within 24 hours.

2. A foreigner operating a motor vehicle must hold a state-issued temporary driver's permit.

3. All of China is not open to foreigners, who may not trav-

el to prohibited areas without permission. 4. Places of entertainment may not operate between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. 5. Foreigners must carry passports at all times. Police can examine your documents at any time.

6. China forbids the display of insulting slogans and banners promoting religious, political or ethnic slogans in Olympic stadiums.

7. To hold a rally, demonstra-

 Guns and ammunition, crossbows, daggers and similar weapons are not permitted without authorization.
 To burn, damage, inscribe, stain, stomp on or by any other means deface the Chinese flag or other em-

tion or protest, application

must be made to the Public

8. Prostitution is forbidden.

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blems of China in a public place is a criminal offence.

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The Calgary Flames announced yesterday their 2008-09 regular season schedule. Calgary kicks-off the season with back-to-back games against the Vancouver Canucks. The Flames open their season in Vancouver on Thursday, Oct. 9, and then face the Canucks again in the Flames home opener on Saturday, Oct. 11. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

"It was fun, it was insane and great to finish like I did."

Rocco Mediate, right, said about playing a cold, windy and rain-filled start to the British Open.

Mediate tied for lead

The runner-up at the U.S. Open Rocco Mediate shot a 1-under 69 at Royal Birkdale yesterday Robert Allenby and Graeme McDowell. Mike Weir is in seventh, at one-over.

Calgary's offence explodes

Burris and Co. thrash Hamilton's defence, show up former Stamps coach Creehan

STAMPEDERS 43 TICATS 16

DAN TOTH for Metro Calgary

Take that, Denny Creehan,

The former Calgary Stampeders defensive coordina-tor, fired in 2007, returned to McMahon Stadium last night with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats claiming his dismissal last fall was a miscarriage of justice.

The Stamps offence answered those accusations with one of their best performances in years, scoring touchdowns while trashing the Ticats 43-16.

The win improved Calgary's record to 3-1 for a

share of first place in the Canadian Football League West Division while Hamilton dropped to 1-3 in the

Stamps quarterback Henry Burris shredded Creehan's defence, completing 26 of 33 passes for 345 yards and two touchdowns while piling up 450 yards of offence. He left in the fourth quarter to give backup Dave Dickenson his first

action of the season. Running back Joffrey Reynolds enjoyed his first three-touchdown game as a Stampeder, while receiver Nik Lewis added a pair of

Reynolds scored from 14 yards out on a shovel pass from Burris and on a pair of

one-yard runs. Lewis made a sensational catch at the back of the endzone in the second quarter before adding a 16-yard grab late in the first half

Revnolds was more than Tiger-Cats defenders could handle. He rushed for 96 yards to move into first place among CFL rushers while surpassing 5,000 career yards in just his fifth season in Calgary.

Ticats running back Jesse Lumsden, prior to last night the league's leading rusher with 362 yards, sat out with

a knee injury. Hamilton's backups Tre Smith and Terry Caulley failed to fill in for the injured star, although an early deficit forced Tabbies

quarterback Casey Printers to focus on a passing attack.

Printers scored on a oneyard plunge in the first half while Caulley crashed in from the 10 early in the second half.

Burris was sharp, but was also victimized by several dropped passes as Jeremaine Copeland, Ken-Yon Rambo and Demetris Summers all muffed easy catches that stalled first-half drives

Calgary placekicker Sandro DeAngelis kicked field goals from 20 and 44 yards along with a 66-yard kickoff single while Burke Dales added a punt single.

Hamilton kicker Nick Setta booted three punt sin-



Hamilton Tiger Cats' Tre Smith gets tagged by Calgary Stampeders' Jojuan Armour during last night's game. The Stamps crushed the Ticats 43-16.

Despite economic woes, MLB thriving



The economy sucks, baseball is far too slow for the fast-paced world in which we live, and MLB commissioner Bud Selig is pretty well a buffoon.

And yet, despite these three undeniable factballs, big-league baseball is somehow not striking out. Rather, it is defying the odds. As it launches the

post-All-Star-Game portion of its schedule, MLB is actually on pace to reach a mind-boggling attendance record - 80-million specta-

While companies throughout Canada and the United States are folding, while mortgages cannot be paid, and while gas tanks cannot be filled, turnstiles at MLB parks somehow spin at an unprecedented rate.

What gives?

Selig's belief is that baseball, for a reason he can't quite figure out, is bulletproof to the economy. He figures families might call off long vacation trips be-cause of the absurd gas

prices they're dealing with, but will still be inclined to patronize MLB ballparks.

"I don't have empirical data to support my theory," the commish said this week. "It's just something I feel, that's all."

Whatever, Selig is either the luckiest guy in sports or the slyest because, somehow, baseball is on pace to set its fifth consecutive attendance record. And that's remarkable, really.

• I still think Selig and his stuffed-shirt colleagues are out to lunch, however, when they continue to defend the most inequitable rule difference in sports.

I mean, why does the NL

not use a designated hitter? It creates such a dramatic disparity between it and the AL that it's almost unfathomable. The AL has been using the DH since 1973, for crying out loud. The NL still lives in the dark ages

How ridiculous is it for AL pitchers who haven't hit in years suddenly having to pretend to do so in NL parks, even during the World Series?

• While Selig gets off scotfree for his DH dizziness, he'll find himself in an ocean of hot water if Barry onds isn't signed by an MLB club soon.

A few contenders are expressing interest in Bonds - including the Arizona Diamondbacks and Detroit Tigers - but should he remain unemployed in another 10 days or so, look for the MLB Players Association to file a legal grievance claiming owners and executives conspired to keep the controversial home-run king out of the majors.

• For Canadian football stuff, including details of a private memo sent out to clubs from league headquarters, check out my latest CFL Report, exclusively at www.metronews.ca.

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Boston at L.A. Angels, 8:05
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N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 5:10

Philadelphia at Florida, 5:10

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The Calgary Vipers are set to start the second half of the Golden Baseball League season tonight at 7:05 p.m., as they take on the Chico Outlaws at Foothills Stadium. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Series Preview

Durable Dominican Vipers look to build on firststill slugging away

LAURENCE HEINEN for Metro Calgary

After the Arizona Diamondbacks released him in March of 2004, Felix Jose could have hung up his cleats and called it a ca-

Instead, the durable Dominican decided to suit up for the Oaxaca Warriors of Mexican Baseball League and all he did was compile a .375 batting average to go with 30 home runs and 113 runs batted in at the age of 40.

"My body's full of energy," said the 43-year-old designated hitter, who joined the Calgary Vipers to play in the Golden Baseball League this season. "I take good care of myself. I eat good. I work out all the

In the first half of the season, Jose finished second in the league with a .426 average to go with 10 homers and 37 RBIs as the Vipers compiled a 26-18 record and earned a firsthalf title.

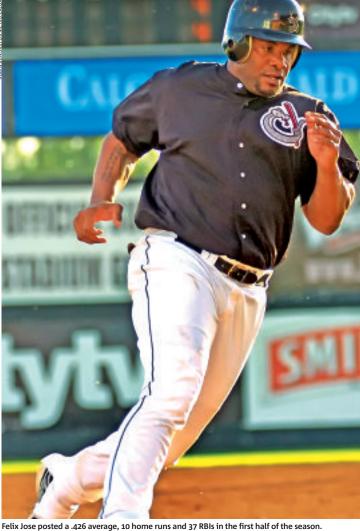
"He's a big-league play-er," said Calgary manager Mike Busch. "He's got so many years in the big leagues and it shows in his approach. He's in his 40s and still getting it done.

After taking a season off in 2006, Jose returned to play in Mexico and in the Atlantic Baseball League before being wooed to play in Calgary by veteran minor leaguer Darryl Brinkley and fellow Do-minican Republic natives Jorge Mejia and Nelson

"I wanted play and Calgary was a good place to play," said Jose, who recalled back to 1984 when his Idaho Falls A's of the Pioneer Baseball League visited Calgary to play a three-game series against the Expos. "I played here before

Jose went on to play five more seasons of minor league ball before finally cracking the lineup of the Oakland A's on a regular basis in 1990.

was subsequently



traded to the St. Louis Cardinals, with whom he batted a respectable .305 in the 1991 season. The next vear, he hit .295 and reached career highs with 14 homers and 75 RBIs before being traded again, this time to the Kansas City Royals.

his While average slumped to .253, the speedy outfielder stole 31 bases to better the 28 bags he swiped the year before. In 1994, the native of Santo Domingo hit .303 to go with 11 homers and 55

Over the next nine seasons, Jose spent most of his time in the minor leagues. including a season playing in Korea in 1999 when he pounded 36 homers and 122 RBIs and hit .327.

He found himself back in the majors with the New York Yankees for 20 games in 2000 and then suited up for 31 contests with the Diamondbacks in 2002 and 2003 before being released.

That didn't stop the 6foot-1, 220-pound slugger from losing his passion for the game, although he doesn't have the same footspeed he once had when he burned up the base paths in the Majors.

"You take care of yourself good and you work out good and keep your mind in a good position, you can said the veteran, whose 15-year-old son Felix Jose Jr. is an aspiring young ball player in Boca Rotan, Fla. "I think it's good that he looks up to me and sees how good that I'm doing.

half success

LAURENCE HEINEN for Metro Calgary



The Calgary Vipers held off a late charge by the Edmonton Cracker-Cats to earn bragging rights as first half champions in the Golden Baseball League's North Di-

The Vipers started the season with a pair of losses in Edmonton to the Cracker-Cats before they won 19 of their next 24 games on their way to compiling a 26-18 record. At one point in the first half, the Cats made it a close race before ulti-mately finishing with a 22-22 record.

"They got it down to 2 1/2 at one time," said Calgary manager Mike Busch after his squad pounded the Cracker-Cats 12-2 at home on July 3. "As long as we focus and take care of our business, we should have a good opportunity to have a legitimate chance of winning this thing."

Despite losing five of their next eight games on the road, the Vipers held on for the first half title to punch their ticket into the playoffs for the second straight season.

After three road games to start the second half of the season in Edmonton on July 11-13, the Vipers return home tonight for the first of three games against the Chico Outlaws at Foothills Stadium (7:05 start time).

Veteran slugger Felix Jose, a veteran of 25 professional seasons playing baseball, said the Vipers have what it takes to continue playing well this season

"We've got a real strong team," said Jose, who led the Vipers with a .426 batting average in the first half of the season. "We've got to put all the pieces together so we can continue playing the way we've been playing. We've still got to work on a few things, but we're working on it and getting better every day."

Outfielder Drew Miller also had a good start to the season as he compiled a 369 batting average, while leading the Vipers with 13 home runs and 49 runs batted in. At 39 years of age, veteran minor league Darryl Brinkley led Calgary with 17 stolen bases in the first half, while compiling a respectable .357 batting average. Meanwhile, pitcher Evan Greusel won his first six games before slumping to finish the first half with a 6-2 record and a 3.90 earned run average.

For their efforts, Jose, Miller, Brinkley and Greusel were all named to the GBL North All-Star Team along with second baseman Jorge Mejia, shortstop Nelson Castro and pitcher P.J. Bevis.

Miller and Greusel went on to play for the GBL All-Stars against the United League All-Stars in San Angelo, Texas, while Calgary skipper Mike Busch served as the squad's manager.

"It's a tremendous hon-our," Busch said. "It means people are noticing what you're doing out here and the success you're having."

Calgary Vipers first half leaders:

Batting Avg: (min. 100 ABs) Felix Jose — .426 Drew Miller — .369

Darryl Brinkley - .357

Home Runs: Drew Miller - 13 Felix Jose - 10 Jose Morban — 9

Drew Miller — 49 Jorge Mejia — 41 Felix Jose — 37

Pitching wins Evan Greusel — 6 Dallas Mahan, Jordy Alexander and Geoff Freeborn - 3

Innings pitched:

Evan Greusel — 57.2 Nathan Melek — 46 Dallas Mahan — 40

ERA: (min.10 innings pitched) Evan Greusel — 3.90 P.J. Bevis — 4.05

Rvan Olson - 4.50

Strikeouts: Evan Greusel - 42 Nathan Melek - 31 Dallas Mahan - 27

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Movie review, page 20 Dark Knight

If for nothing else, the Dark Knight is worth seeing for Heath Ledger's mesmerizing performance.



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1. Viva La Vida, Coldplay, left; 2. Modern Guilt, Beck;

Music

3. Two Men with the Blues, Willie Nelson and Wynton Marsalis. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vampire Weekend tries Dazzle friends with to shed 'world' label

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Vampire Weekend faces the danger of getting killed with kindness.

Sources in the know have gushed over the four Ivy League preppies from New York — named by Spin Magazine as "The Year's Best New Band" in their March 2008 issue — and how they've appropriated African sounds into their perky, self-titled indie pop release. The album earned ubiquitous comparisons with Paul Simon's 1986 Grammy Award-winning Graceland, a work he recorded in South Africa that featured several of that country's artists. But Vampire Weekend accepts the praise "with a grain of salt," says keyboardist Rostam Batmanglij. One can easily tell the band frets that the "world music" label the press has given them, and that the Columbia University grads consider inaccu-



Vampire Weekend's self-titled debut has drawn comparisons to Paul Simon's Graceland.

rate, might stick.

"F—k them!" he says over the phone from Utrecht, Holland. "I've read stuff about us that the press has written and half the time they don't know what they're talking about. Parts of it are definitely inspired by African music and world beat, but we think it sounds pretty Western. It's a blitz: You can't go anywhere without hearing someone's opinion and everyone wants to respond to what's

said about them."

Possibly a much more difficult handle to rebuke given recent events: World beat maestro Peter Gabriel released a cover of Vampire Weekend's single Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa — VW's version made Rolling Stone's 100 Best Songs of the Year - as a response to the band dropping the ex-Genesis member's name to handdrummed Congloese dance music, Kenyan benga beats and off-time guitar licks.

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Rostam Batmanglij

Batmanglij says British electro-pop act Hot Chip pro-vides the instrumentals

while Gabriel lends vocals.
"It's pretty surreal to hear him (Gabriel) cover us because he's so huge," Bat-manglij said. "But I think it's cool. You get the feel of his music in the cover."

In the meantime, the band has set to work penning songs for their sophomore effort. Batmanglij says the second will have less of an afro-beat, but will still feature an eclectic mosaic of various global styles - one features a back-up six-string for frontman Ezra Koenig, and an electric backing

these music tidbits

'm not quite sure how we let this happen, but July is already half over. Adding insult is an unkind calendar which has allowed Labour Day to fall on September 1st, the earliest possible it can be. In other words, if you haven't started enjoying summer, best get to it.

With that in mind, here are ten things about rock music that you can use to dazzle people around the campfire or the barbecue:

Johnny Rotten, leader of Sex Pistols is married to a woman named Nora Forster. She's an heir to a German publishing and media fortune worth an estimated \$100 million. Meanwhile, Johnny has apparently made a nice killing in the real estate market. Jack White of the White

Stripes once aspired to be a priest. As a real-life altar boy in Detroit, he was cast in a 1987 movie called The Rosary Murders

As a kid, Eddie Vedder was a professional model, appearing in department store catalogues as well as several TV commercials and at least one episode of the original Bozo the Clown







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Chris Martin was the captain of the men's field hockey team.

Billy Talent used to be known as "Pezz." Pez, the candy company famous for their dispensers, was not impressed and threatened to sue.

Between the time they were formed and their retirement, the Ramones played exactly 2,262 shows. Johnny Ramone documented every single one of them.

Blur bassist Alex James has retired to the English countryside where he's become a master cheese maker. He's known for a variety of goat's cheese he calls "Little Wallop."

Stephen Hawking, the renowned wheelchairbound physicist, is a major fan of Depeche Mode. He wrote them a number of fan letters, asking to meet them.

The Longest Pop/Rock Song Ever: In 1996, Chris Butler released The Devil Glitch. Its 500 verses unfolded over a little more than 69 minutes. Bonus fact: Chris wrote both the theme for the TV show, Square Pegs and the track Christmas Wrapping for the Waitresses.

But That's Nothing: John Cage's As Slow As Possible is currently being performed on an organ at a church in Halberstadt, Germany. It began on September 5, 2001 and is scheduled to end in 2640 after 639 years. (FYI: Weights are used to hold down keys on the organ.)





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This Day In Music

In 1992, singer Whitney Houston and rapper Bobby Brown marry at Houston's mansion in Mendham Township, N.J. Among the guests are Patti LaBelle, Gladys Knight, Gloria Estefan and Dick Clark. REUTERS



Carla Bruni

Album: Comme si de Rien N'était Label: Naïve Release date: July 15

SOME PEOPLE will pan Carla Bruni's new record simply because she's married to French President Nicolas



Sarkozy. But take a listen to Comme si de Rien N'était and you see that this

model-turned-singerturned-political figure is one talented first lady. Her third disc is full of soft. acoustic tracks. which touch on childhood, life at 40 and her famous husband. It's all very pleasant, but she's not as passionate as fellow Frenchie Karen Ann, who does baroque pop better. Still, after a couple spins it won't matter who this songstress is sleeping with. Brvan Borzvkowski

John Mellencamp

Album: Life, Death, Love And Freedom

Label: Hear Music Release date: July 15 ●●●●

JOHN MELLENCAMP TAKES on

the persona of a cranky old man sitting in a rocking



chair with a shotgun across his lap. doing battle with

the grim reaper in a voice that's raspy, raw, bitter and angry. This is not for John Cougar fans, but for lovers of Steve Earle and Springsteen's Nebraska. Mellencamp and roots uber-producer T-Bone Burnett have cut a masterful country-blues album.

Graham Rockingham

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Rick McGinnis talks to the director of **American**

Ledger's mesmerizing final performance

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

The Dark Knight

Director: Christopher Nolan Stars: Christian Bale, Classification: PG Rating: 0 0 0 0

REVIEW The Dark Knight filmmaker Christopher Nolan's follow-up to Bat-man Begins — definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path as perhaps best exemplified by one character who prophetically says, "you eiwho ther die a hero or you live long enough to see your-self become the villain."

Wow. Happy days. The film begins with Gotham City under siege by criminals. It turns out that the presence of a hero like Batman (Christian Bale) attracts a darker element and none more so than psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger).

The film is really a chess game mainly between the two opposing players and Nolan focuses in on the moral struggle of its fascinating lead characters.

Oh, but they're not alone. Enter District Attorney Harvey Dent (Aaron Eckhart), who in his attempt to clean up Gotham, gets himself tangled in the moral web, which eventually turns him into a maniacal vigilante as well.

I don't need to go into the plot details for The Dark Knight.

People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and the complexity of an antihero like Batman is intriguing, especially when played so expertly by Bale (although that scratchy Clint Eastwood impression does get a touch annoying after 150 minutes). However, the main reason people may run to see this movie is to see the much lauded portrayal of The Joker by Heath Ledger.

It's difficult to judge how good Ledger's performance is because it is impossible to watch him without being influenced by the tabloid fanfare surrounding his death (did playing The Joker lead him to his

demise?).

One thing is certain though —it's a mesmerizing performance and if for no other reason, The Dark Knight is worth seeing for



The late Heath Ledger stars as The Joker in The Dark Knight.

Space Chimps a champ

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Space Chimps Director: Kirk De Micco Stars: Andy Samberg, Classification: G

Rating:

REVIEW It's a difficult line to walk. The cocksure hero can't be too arrogant, or he won't win our hearts There has to be charm and vulnerability in the mix, or we won't care what happens. With Ham III, the sarcastic, high-flying, naturally gifted, golden-hearted, computer-generated hero of Chimps, we care.

Ham III, voiced by Saturday Night Live's Andy Samberg in this CGI kids flick, gets a lot of laughs. He's cocky, but it's easy to see through his posturing.



Space Chimps opens today.

His grandfather — Ham — was a famous chimp astronaut, and Ham III hasn't come close to living up to his family's legacy. He's a circus chimp who gets fired out of a cannon.

But when Ham III gets recruited to lead an important space mission, he gets his chance to make his mark.

What follows is a predictable but entertaining story, kind of an Odyssey-Star Wars mix for chimps.

The kids will love Space Chimps. Kirk De Micco's script is snappy, and there isn't much downtime in the brisk 81 minutes.

A couple of times, a gag is on the verge of being too long when De Micco wisely moves things along.

Space Chimps is well paced and will keep the young ones attentive.

And although the story is tried and true, it still holds together for adults.

Many CGI filmmakers try to cram in as many pop-culture references as possible, as if to say "look how clever we are!"

De Micco uses them sparingly and effectively without getting in the way of the narrative.

Space Chimps is the type of film kids can relate to, and parents can describe as "cute" when they talk about it amongst themselves.

And, as always, the CGI technology is a feast for

Musicals aren't for everyone

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Mamma Mia! **Director: Phyllida Lloyd** Stars: Meryl Streep, Classific:

REVIEW You should know that you've been forewarned when there's an exclamation mark in the title of a movie, I suppose.

The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are taken up

da Seyfried) is getting married at the hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her hippie mother. There's Sophie's bridesmaids, and Donna's old running mates Rosie (Julie Walters) and Tanya (Christine Baranski), all of whom greet each other with a symphony of squeals, and by the time the cast is belting out Dancing Queen, the first tremors of a crippling migraine should be lancing

with arrivals on a Greek island where Sophie (Amanthrough your cortex like a knitting needle. Based on the Broadway musical that made ABBA songs even more om-nipresent than they were, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father, after learning that he could have been any one of three men her mother slept with during some eventful summer in the '70s.

The three — played by Pierce Brosnan, Stellan Skarsgard and Colin Firth - arrive on the island and become the catalyst for a blaring but improbable farce predicated on the assumption that no one is capable of pausing for a second and reflecting on the

obvious. It's a plot that, should someone have suggested the simple expediency of a DNA test, would have pulled the whole movie up short after just one song.



Stellan Skarsgard, Pierce Brosnan and Colin Firth try to figure out who the daddy is in Mamma Mia!, opening this weekend



Reel Times

Ferrell loves to improv

Talladega Nights star reunites with McKay and Reilly in Step Brothers

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada



You have fun experiences (on films) and you say 'let's do it again' and then it slips through your fingers," says Ferrell. "So we really made a point to sit down and meet

unite.

Following several brainstorm dinners, McKay dreamed up a ridiculous story about two feuding middle-aged slackers who would be forced to cope with each other after their respective parents met and got married.

The result: The hilarious new movie Step Brothers (out next Friday).

As with their previous effort, Step Brothers mostly works because it's filled with moments of inspired improvisation and mad-

"Adam's one of the few



Will Ferrell's comedic talents will hit the big screen next week in Step Brothers.

directors who we kind of do the take once and then we begin improvising whether we want to or not," says Ferrell. "It's unusual because most directors have you work on the scene until you have it down and then maybe you try an extra take just for

However, Ferrell defends the final cut insisting that it's mostly scripted.

"We improvise a lot in the writing process so I think even our written scenes have that kind of back and forth feel that make it seem improvised '

It's that touch of magic

that has also turned the Step Brother trio into Internet stars. After launch-

ing the website Funny-orDie.com, Ferrell and McKay garnered even more fans with hysterical homemade videos like The Landlord (starring McKay's foul-mouthed Pearl).

Not only has it been viewed over 57 million times, but HBO has now invested in FunnyorDie.com with plans to produce specials from the website.

Step Brothers definitely follows the same sense of humor found on Funny-orDie.com and, specifically, the only skit that stars all three Step Brothers collaborators — a sketch called The Green Team featuring unusual enviro-tips ("a compost bin is a great place to store a baby when you're finished with them").

When asked if that might be the next big-screen collaboration by the trio, McKay responds per-haps sarcastically, but without hesitation: "We'll pitch it. Sadistic environmentalists who go around beating people up — it's very sellable."

"We improvise a lot in the writing process so I think even our written scenes have that kind of back and forth feel that make it seem improvised."

Will Ferrell on Step Brothers

Baruchel on Buried

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FEATURE Most people know him as part of the posse of actors associated with writer/director Judd Apatow, but Jay Baruchel still makes Montreal his home base, and says that he's grateful when he gets a chance to stay in Canada and make a film like Chaz Thorne's Just Buried, a black comedy about a nohoper who inherits a rural funeral home from the father he barely knew.

"I'm always looking for an excuse to pay some rent and stay in Canada," says Baruchel, who began his career in Hollywood with a small role in Almost Famous before entering the Apatow universe with the brilliant-but-cancelled TV series Undeclared.

"I read one of the best

scripts I'd ever read when I read Just Buried — laughed, read the whole thing through in one sitting and never had to force myself to keep reading.
"I hate using terms like

this, but I really did fall in love with the character, man. The kid really did make me laugh, and it was very close to my sense of humour, this movie. I guess I've said it before, but when I read a script I really like it's like when I meet a girl I really like - I get butterflies in my stom-

ach.
"That's literally what happened, and my mind then goes to that neurotic, negative place, where it's like 'There's no way this girl is single. There's no way this part isn't cast yet.' It was a full-court press — I was going to make it my mission to play Oliver. I had the most fun ever making that movie, man." The put-upon Oliver is of piece with roles that Baruchel seems to have made his specialty, from Undeclared to Knocked Up to the upcoming Tropic Thunder and Fanboys.

Thunder and Fanboys. Does he worry about getting typecast?

Yeah. I worry about getting cancer, too, but it's like all I can do is do the things that I like. And I know that I have no interest in playing parts that I've already played before. That being said, I've got to pay rent and buy cat food. No one knew I was in Million Dollar Baby until I mentioned it to them. I think that it's a testament to that movie — I take that as a compliment. I can't be in any danger of being typecast if I play a retarded Texas boxer, which is pret-ty far away from what I know.

Woman is an unknown gem

CHRIS ATCHISON for Metro Canada

The Unknown Woman **Director: Giuseppe Tornatore** Stars: Kseniya Rappoport Classification: 14A Rating: 🚭 🍵 👵 🌲

REVIEW Director Giuseppe Tornatore's The Unknown Woman may well turn out to be one of the best foreign films of the year, but it will not be one of the most hopeful. The subtitled Italian language story centres around a former Ukrainian prostitute named Irena . (Russian actress Kseniya Rappoport) who has fled her pimp and moved to Italy where she begins seeking out the girl she thinks could be her daughter. As she became pregnant over the years, the pimp would take her children from her or force her to have abortions, but Irena thinks a young girl named Thea may be the last child to

whom she gave birth. To gain access to the girl, Irena takes a job as the girl's nanny and builds trust with the family, that is until her past comes back to haunt her and Irena finds herself once again enveloped by hopelessness and despair.

Again, this is not the type of film for those looking for an uplifting night at the cinema. Rappoport is fantastic as the troubled Irena and carries the film from start to finish with a mysterious performance that keeps the audience guessing as to her character's origins, motivations and her next move. The script, by Tornatore (Malena) and Massimo De Rita, examines the plight of an abused woman in brilliant detail.

Tornatore's direction throughout is superb with virtually no breaks in suspense over the course of the film's two hour runtime. If not for Rappoport, however, the film could have easily failed.

Movie **morsels**

Hancock 00000

Comic book aficionados will spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half, and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible, boor who can't remember his past. Like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world.

Brian Towie/Metro Canada

Hellboy II



Just before the climactic battle in Guillermo del Toro's Hellboy sequel, reminded of a we're prophetic plot point from the first film that both sets up Hellboy III — or IV or V; it's obvious no one's really bothered by this dose of dramatic Xanax - and deflates the conflict to come by underlining the likeli-hood that the hero will survive to fight another day. Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Journey To The Center Of The Earth

Brendan Fraser stars in this 3-D film, which features, among other exercises of the medium, a glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. An updating of the classic Jules Verne tale for the green screen age, it's been given the full-on 3-D treatment by director Eric Brevig with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the film's primary technical parlour trick. While you don't want to think too much about what Journey has to say about plate techtonics or zoology, its hurtling pace and unabashed enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Meet Dave

Eddie Murphy plays both a human-shaped spaceship named Dave and the tiny alien Captain controlling his every move. On a quest to find a mysterious orb that crashed to Earth, he meets a family and learns the true lesson of friendship. It's a tricky role and Murphy mostly pulls it off but sloppy special effects and annoying supporting drag characters down. Brian Towie/Metro Canada

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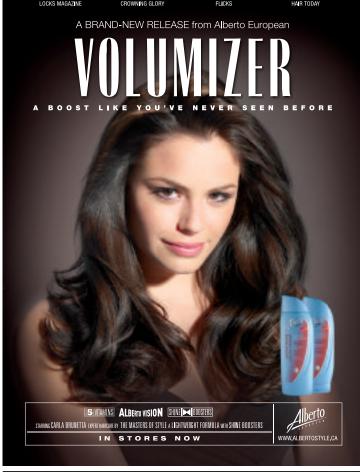
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Canadian hair brand Quantum now offers FIX MEN hair products, specially engineered for male hairstyling needs. The line includes Fix It - Industrial Strength Gel, \$11.95/200ml, right. Available at fine salons nationwide. METRO NEWS SERVICES



The simplest beauty tool

Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner touts the Q-Tip's versatility

AMANDA TRUSCOTT for Metro Calgary

Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner says his favourite tool for creating flawless, natural-looking makeup is a Q-Tip.

Banner, who has created looks for a galaxy of A-lis-ters including Jennifer Lopez, Keira Knightley and Angelina Jolie, can be seen dabbing the little cottontipped sticks on the faces of ordinary women on the W Network's Style By Jury.

"Some people use them for removal and speckles and stuff, but I always use them for application be-cause they're the perfect little beauty tool," he ex-

They're precise, versatile and hygienic, he says. And, he adds, "They're a great way to not pollute colours.'

To avoid the chalky look of overall liquid foundation, Banner puts a little concealer on a Q-Tip to paint out flaws, then sweeps a light bronzer over his model's face for a soft glow. "It fills in the pores and blends out the colour,' he explains.



Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner says Q-Tips are a precise, satile and hygienic beauty tool

Also, using a Q-Tip instead of placing the concealer stick directly on skin helps to avoid contaminating the tube with bacteria

from blemishes, he says.

For a soft summer look, Banner starts by rubbing a Q-Tip in a shimmery highlighter and brushing it



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Korby Banner, makeup artist

over the brow bone and below the crease of the evelid. He also draws a little "M" with the highlighter over the cupid's bow of the top lip to create a more defined pout.

Then, he wets a Q-Tip, twists it to a point, dips it in black cake eyeliner, and sweeps it along the base of the lashes. Next, he wets the other end and blends the line.

He dips a Q-Tip in brownish plum shadow, and brushes it below the crease of the eyelid, and along the bottom lashes. He fluffs the other end into a dome shape, and uses it to dust a softer shade of plum over the entire lid, right up to the brow bone.

He also uses Q-Tips to fill in eyebrows. In fact, Banner says the only things he doesn't use Q-Tips for are mascara and blush.

For lips, he twirls a Q-Tip over lipstick, paints it on, and then wipes the excess colour with the clean end for a lasting tint. "The look for lips is very nude right now," he says.

Banner says the best thing about a Q-Tip is that it can make anyone a better makeup artist. "It's all about blending," he says, "and it blends as you ap-

shine control

Getting shiny? Sweep a Q-tip gently across your eyelids and eye contour area to pick up excess oil in these delicate spots. Also, carry blotting tissues to control overall shine. Adding more powder can look caked, and show as too much product on the skin.

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Sydney, Australia.

List of top fashionable cities grows

STUDY The world of fashion remains dominated by five - New York, Rome, cities -Paris, Milan and London but B-list players like Sydney and Dubai are coming on strong, according to an annual survey of top fashion cities.

The list was compiled by the Global Language Monitor, a non-profit group that tracks the frequency of words and phrases in the media, on the Internet and throughout the blogosphere.

New York led the list in 2008 for the fifth consecutive year with Rome retaining the second slot, Paris third again but Milan overtaking London for the fourth position. London came fifth.

But more surprising was the rise of some smaller fashion centres, with Svdnev jumping from 12th position to seventh in the list and Dubai moving up 12 spots to No. 12.

Add interest to your outfits with a waistcoat



ask kim

What brand of sunscreen do vou use?

I like to use a light and non greasy formula for my face. The Clarins SPF 40 Day Screen High Protection is great for everyday use and it sits well underneath makeup; it also doesn't sting if it gets into your eyes. For the rest of my body, I like to use Coppertone SPF 50 in the continuous spray bottle, it's easy to use and you don't need to rub it in. E-mail your style questions to kim.elbo@metronews. ca.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.



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Worn Out Designer: Kate Moss for Top Shop Shop: Holt Renfrew



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waistcoats

Take your outfit to the next level with a waistcoat. Waistcoats (also known as vests) are great for extending wardrobes because you can pair it with just about anything and if you buy a neutral block colour like grey or black you'll be able to wear it from season to season. Throw it on top of a T-shirt or dress and add a little interest to your outfit.

accessory

Want to know what all the girls are painting their nails and toes with this summer? Elephantastic Pink by OPI nail lacquer. \$13.

short lengths

This season shorts are up and down, you can go thigh high or down low to the knees and all will be acceptable. Keep an open mind with lengths; a mid-length short can be worn to the office, a longer knee is great for a casual weekend and a short short can be worn in the evening or out to the beach. Pull your short look together with a bright white shirt and a dark colour stack heel



Actor Dennis Farina was sentenced to two years probation yesterday after reaching a plea agreement with prosecutors for carrying a loaded handgun into Los Angeles International Airport in May. REUTERS

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Streaming YouTube onto the TV screen

INTERNET Just what the television industry needs, increased competition from those wacky YouTube videos that 68 million people watch every month.

Only now, it will be easier than ever to view them on television screens.

Beginning Thursday, Ti-Vo will offer thousands of its subscribers the abilityto stream YouTube videos onto their television sets through their broadbandenabled TiVo boxes. It's TiVo's first deal for streaming online content, though the company has partnerships with 60 Internet sites that provide content to TiVo. Unlike with those relationships, TiVo users won't be able to store YouTube video clips, just watch them and bookmark them for easy retrieval later.

TiVo's most popular Internet content partner thus far is Amazon Unbox, which features rented movies that are downloaded to TiVo set-top boxes for viewing on TV screens just as if they were recorded TV shows.

Tara Maitra, GM of content services at TiVo, said the company's users have downloaded 27 million pieces of content from the 60 Internet partners.

Beyond Amazon Unbox, product reviews from the Onion and Break.com are popular.

REUTERS



Writers Guild of America members and supporters picket in front of NBC studios during the Hollywood writers strike earlier this year in Burbank, Calif. The strike is one factor being blamed for a drop in employment figures in the entertainment production industry this year.

Hollywood job rates drop

Independent artists/writers hit the hardest

Entertainment is one of the largest employers in Los Angeles County, but growth will significantly lag others this year, according to a report issued Wednesday.

Movie and television production employed 157,800 people in the area last year but will drop this year to 151,800, said the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp. It gave the industry a C-minus, one of the lowest grades among all major export industries.

The 3.8 per cent drop puts entertainment second from the bottom among major industries, ahead of only construction, which will see a 6.6 per cent drop in employees.

Broken into three sub-

categories, independent artists, writers and performers will take the biggest hit, losing 8.4 percent to 9,200 this year. Motion picture and sound is next, with a 4.3 per cent decline to 122,700, and radio, TV and cable broadcasting fares best with 1.6 per cent growth to 20,300.

The better news from the LAEDC's midyear report is that growth in the entertainment industry is expected to return next year as the industry makes up for the labor unrest that has hampered it this year.

In 2009, the industry is expected to directly employ 159,700 people in L.A. County, 5.2 per cent more than this year.

When all independent

contractors are included, the industry employed 241,000 people last year, making it the third-biggest employer among the 19 major industries in L.A. County.

The biggest negative force this year was the 100-day writers strike that started last year but didn't end until February, sucking \$2.5 billion from the county's economy.

Negative forces expected to last into next year include a lack of government-sponsored economic incentives to keep production in California and a leveling off of DVD revenue while "no major new digital revenue streams have emerged," according to the report.

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Emmy hype hits fever pitch

NUMBINATED: Ken Ehrlich, the executive producer of the upcoming Emmy awards, is hardly the first — and won't be the last — to call the Emmy nominations announced yesterday a "changing of the guard."

That was the way he saw things yesterday, in an article by Miami Herald TV critic Glenn Garvin, who did the sums on the nominations and pointed out that while the big four networks and longtime Emmy monolith HBO weren't exactly shut out — they "still collected 290 nominations between them, more than twice as many as all the other channels combined," Garvin points out — but the nominations were full

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of more pointed snubs than high school before prom night. The big news — or at least the news you're going to hear most — is that this year's Emmys mark the moment when basic cable, and not just HBO, got their leg up over the networks and surveyed the land with a conqueror's hunger. AMC, FX and Showtime each got nominated in the presti-

gious best drama category with Mad Men, Damages and Dexter, respectively, while former network favourites such as Grey's Anatomy and Ugly Betty were left with a fraction of the nomination nods they've gotten in previous years. HBO, for the first time in years, was locked out of the best drama award.

They needn't feel too bad, however, as John Adams, their historical miniseries starring Paul Giamatti as the second U.S. president, led the pack with 23 nominations, and a solid lead over runners-up 30 Rock (17 nominations), Mad Men (16 nominations) and Pushing Daisies (12 – more nominations than actual episodes in its truncated first season, as E! Online pointed out.)

The popularity of John Adams is surprising, and conspicuous; it looks like the sort of prestige project that voters feel good about supporting, regardless of what they felt about it, or whether they'd even best anima watched it all the way the air right

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through.
E! Online also pointed out that the honeymoon is clearly over for Ugly Betty, which failed to get a Best Comedy series nomination, while adding that Fox was disappointed in its ambitions to see Family Guy get a nod in the category, and become the first animated show to be nominated in that category.

I'm sorry, but Family Guy best comedy? It's not even close to being the best animated series on the air right now — the Bizzaro world logic of awards shows is abundantly evident in the fact that The Simpsons, while years from being remotely deserving, had never been given a nomination.

And after putting that idea out there, I'm going to stop thinking about the Emmys until their Sept. 21 air date has come and gone.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



Zach Braff, Scrubs executive producer Bill Lawrence and Sarah Chalke during the ABC Summer Press Tour Wednesday.

Scrubbing up for a new network

ABC is giving Scrubs the sort of heavy network support that its creator says was missing during the show's seven years on NBC.

The comedy's production will be upgraded to HD (high-definition) for its eighth-season premiere on ABC, and the network has commissioned six two-to four-minute webisodes to give the show extra promotional heft.

"It was a pleasant surprise to have people from the network visit the set, because nobody has done that in six or seven years," creator/showrunner Bill Lawrence said at the Television Critics Assn. press tour Wednesday.

"I don't think that's NBC dropping the ball; I think it's the difference of doing a show for a network that also produces you."

Scrubs, produced by ABC Studios, is set to premiere midseason. Some have suspected it will be the show's final season, and star Zach Braff in particular says he's likely headed for an exit.

"My sense is this is my

last year," Braff said. Yet Lawrence and ABC Entertainment president Steve McPherson indicated there might be a way to keep the comedy going with new cast members, a la NBC's revolving-door medical drama ER. "We do think that it will not hopefully be a one-season situation," McPherson said.

"We do think there's an opportunity after that — talking to Zach, talking to Bill — and whether all of the cast is a part of that, I still think there's a great amount of growth there."

Added Lawrence: "McPherson was supportive of the idea that it's like ER as a comedy. We brought in some younger people into the show."

Still, Lawrence has the finale — which he'd written about four years ago ready to go, and it might finally reveal the name of the inition (Neil Flynn)

the janitor (Neil Flynn).
"We just have to change some pop culture references," he said.

"When you hear the janitor's name, the show's over." REUTERS

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U.S. funnyman Andy Dick has been released from jail following his arrest on Wednesday on suspicion of drug possession and sexual battery. The 42-year-old comic posted \$5,000 bail following his arrest in Murieta, California, after onlookers reported his inappropriate behaviour. IMDB.COM

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Celebrity Buzz

Parker denies mole removal

SPOTTED Sarah Jessica Parker has denied she has gone under the knife to remove a beauty spot from her face insisting she has not had plastic surgery of any kind, imdb.com reports.

The Sex And The City star was photographed apparently without her signature facial feature a mole on her chin as she stepped out for a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York City on Tuesday.

Pictures of the actress clearly show that the previously noticeable blemish has been replaced by a tiny mark But 43-year-old Parker is adamant

that she has not undergone surgery, with her representasaying, "Nothing has been removed."

Meanwhile, Parker has been hailed this year's unexpected crush by a U.S. men's magazine bidding to make up with the actress after calling her the unsexiest woman alive

The 43-year-old Sex and the City star was outraged last year when men's publication Maxim bestowed her with the unsexy honour, insisting the insult

was "brutal.' And Parker's outspoken opposition to the title seems to have worked. The actress will receive her award in the August issue of the magazine. METRO

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Cruz hounded by press

ACTRESS Actress Penelope Cruz fears for her life every time she steps out in her native Spain because aggressive cameramen follow her every move,

imdb.com reports. She says, "In Spain these TV shows are on for maybe 17 hours a day. They are very cheap to make because they just have somebody running after people in the street with a camera, provoking them, insulting them.

'They are waiting for more and more drama ... Unless they have a dead body in front of them, it's not enough. I mean, it is just beyond crazy and completely unacceptable.

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reports. "It was a blessed sight," one hospital staffer says. In addition to the blooms brought by her kids, the actress received so many bouquets that hospital staffers had to store them in her security



Paris rejected by top soccer star

MOVIES Paris Hilton's attempts to flirt with soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo ended in disaster as the star's romantic advances were rejected, according to reports, *imdb.com* reports.

A source tells British newspaper the Daily Mirror, "Paris saw Ronaldo and immediately slithered past the dozens of women trying to get his attention. Then she climbed over one of his mates and planted herself next to him but he wasn't interested."

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McConaughey a music mogul?

COMPANY Actor Matthew Mc-Conaughev is turning his attentions to a new project — he has set up his own record company, imdb.com reports. The A Time

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ing. A source tells New York gossip column Page-Six, "His first artist is a reggae guy called Mishka. The album will be called Above the Bones and the first single is Here Comes Da Train.' METRO NEWS SERVICES

already signed his first act

— a reggae singer — and

is approaching other ma-

jor music labels for back-

Blair a common gay crush

ROLES Hollywood actress Selma Blair is regularly propositioned by lesbians because of her three onscreen girl-on-girl love scenes, imdb.com.

The 36-year-old, who split from her husband Åhmet Zappa in 2006, gained a massive gay following after locking lips with Sarah Michelle Gellar in 1999's Cruel Intentions. She subsequently went on to film lesbian kissing scenes for last year's Feast of Love and for upcoming movie Driving Lessons. And Blair is convinced

many women often confuse her for a real life lesbian, according to the New York Daily News.

She says, "I have done three girl-on-girl kisses onscreen. And, yet, I've never done any (lesbian experimentation) in my real life.

"When lesbian friends tell me they're in love with me after our friend-

ship has been cemented, it always shocks me.

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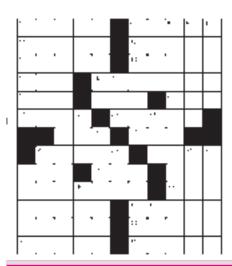
Hollywood funnyman Will Ferrell and soccer star David Beckham have became the proud owners of a racehorse. The stars were awarded part-ownership of the potential champion as



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Take Five

AVATAR VENUS



part of a gift bag handed out at the Espy Sports Awards in Los Angeles on Wednesday. IMDB

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Crossword across

- 1 Union chapter
- 6 Pie nut
- 11 Make amends
- 12 Eat away 13 Caesar, for one
- 14 What x sometimes
- 15 Female rabbit
- 16 Most dismal
- 18 New Haven student
- 19 Take to court
- 20 "— been swell!"
- 21 Tony-winning musical 23 "Sophie's Choice" co-
- star
- 25 Wee bit
- 27 Plunked down

Crossword down

- 1 Pantry
- "The Stunt Man" star
- 3 Arise
- –, California 4 Santa
- 5 Gives for a bit
- 6 Far-flying seabirds
- 7 Composer Satie
- 8 Become clear
- 9 "- Fideles"
- 10 Lairs
- 17 Penguin's cousin
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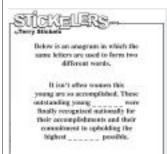
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42 Old card game

35 Contact









Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Keep your side of a bargain or lose a friend. An arrogant person's nervousness will interfere. Too much preparation causes turmoil.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

Someone can be hurt on a dangerous journey. You'll be punished if you are naughty. Don't worry; life won't pass vou by.

GEMINI

MΔV 22-IIINF 21

Don't shed tears if your feelings are hurt. Love talk will be about a broken heart. A rational individual lacks a grasp of reality.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A leader wants to be honest. A group is forced to deal with diverted funds. A fragile person is stronger than you think

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

A splinter group will decline to retaliate. A good-looking guy has a fright. Watch out for drivers using their phones.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Learn something faster with a companion. A well-meaning person makes problems. A triumph leads to an assess-

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LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23 Be attentive to the

realization of your destiny. Someone gets snubbed due to lack of popularity. Pay attention to simplicity.

SCORPIO

OCT 24- NOV 22

Something unusual causes an allergy. A traitor wants something for free. A crime of passion causes a break

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23- DEC 21

A man's stupid question means a lot. A mischievous person presents a challenge. Release your passion with the light of love.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Calm descends among co-

workers. An ailing person needs a stern lecture. You can economize by using a critical eve.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

A champion eases a money problem. A lackadaisical attitude can be fixed. A rebel is distressed by a remarkable dream

PISCES

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FEB 19-MAR 20

Spend some time with coldhearted people. Tell the truth and cause confusion. Someone argues about ridiculous

previous day's answer

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Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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13-17 Schola
17-21 Smar

21-25..... Not bad 25+ Keep practicing

Calgary weather

Afternoon

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Tonight



Partly cloudy. Low 10

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Sunday



Sunny. 26°/9





Sunny. 27°/9



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